

**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Tallberg called the Tuesday, February 10, 2015 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Town Council Room of the Rocky Hill Town Hall, 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Present: Jim Tallberg, Chairman
Phil Benoit, Vice Chairman
Neil Geldof, Commissioner
Jeffrey Thomen, Commissioner
Frank Simboski, Commissioner

Also: Eileen Knapp, Recording Secretary

Absent: Kevin Clements

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Marty Stiglich of 214 Woodfield Crossing addressed the Commission. She asked the Commission to focus on the Town Clerk position. She feels that position should be a full time staff position, reporting to the Town Manager. She suggested that the Commission look at requiring a referendum to pass a budget and separating the Town Budget from the Board of Education Budget. Ms. Stiglich thought they might get more of a turnout at meetings if they held one or two at meetings held during daytime hours.

III. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Benoit to close the Charter Revision public hearing and to retire to the Council Chambers to continue with the Charter Revision meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Thomen. All were in favor, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not approved.

V. WORK SESSION – Discussion on potential areas of change and future work assignments

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners received spreadsheets comparing different Town's Charters and a Rocky Hill Organizational Spreadsheet.

The Commission discussed the following Sections of the Charter:

Town Clerk Position: Whether or not this should be an appointed position by the Town Council or elected position, whether or not this position should be under the supervision of the Town Manager (there was a general agreement on this point),

Town Council: Number of members on the Town Council, changing from 9 to 7, whether or not the losing candidate for Mayor automatically gets a seat on the Town Council, the process for Council nominations to Boards and Commissions, changing minority minimum on the Council to four of the nine members, Council Member terms, change the wording in the Charter of the "majority leader" to "Deputy Mayor".

Engineering Department: Updating the terminology of "Engineering Dept." to "Dept. of Community Development and Dept. of Public Works".

Finance: Increasing the required Fund Balance,

Board of Education: Separation of Board of Education election, non-partisan Board of Education, rotation of Board members, duties and powers of the Board, getting input from the Superintendent/Board of Education members,

The Board will invite the Chair of Newington's Charter Revision Council to a future meeting for insight on the challenges Newington faced during their update process.

The Commission decided to schedule the second public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

VI. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Sanzo to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Vice Chairman Benoit. All were in favor, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen A. Knapp
Recording Secretary